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**RESPONSE TO RULE 312 COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

This is with reference to the Response to Rule 312 Communication mailed February 2, 2010.

The communication states that the Amendment filed on December 28, 2009 is disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this determination is requested because 37 CFR 312 states:

“any amendment filed pursuant to this section must be filed before or with the payment of the issue fee . . . without withdrawing the application from issue.”  
(emphasis added)

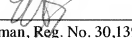
Since the Rule 312 Amendment was filed with the payment of the issue fee, the refusal to enter the amendment was in error.

Applicant recognizes that entry of a Rule 312 Amendment is subject to recommendation of the Primary Examiner. However, since the proposed amendment to claim 60 and claim 74 are minor amendments directed to matters of form, as stated in the Remarks filed with the Amendment on December 28, 2009, entry of the previously filed Rule 312 Amendment is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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